

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview of March 24, 2004. In accordance therewith, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the above claims, as amended, prior to an action on the merits. Claims 1, 8, 14, 24, 29 and 34 have been amended. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a minor error. Support for the amendments may be found in the application as originally filed, and in particular, support for amendments to claims 1, 14, 24, 29 and 34 may at least be found in paragraph 24 of the specification.

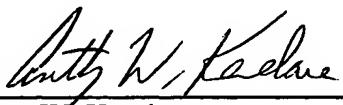
If for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3244.

Respectfully submitted,

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